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Dear Examiner Hoffman:

Enclosed for filing is a Preliminary Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 in response to the Office Action mailed on August 10, 2005, and further to the RCE filed on November 10, 2005, in the above-referenced application, which is believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

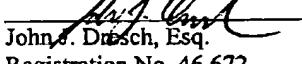
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